Shortlisting of buildings in Delhi for making them quakeproof

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have shortlisted some important buildings to protect from earthquake and plans to make them quake-proof in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are doing this at State levels also; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (d) A pilot study of five buildings in Delhi has been undertaken for assessing their seismic safety status, and if found necessary, to retrofit them to upgrade their seismic strength to the desired performance level of safety. These buildings are the Players Building housing the Delhi Secretariat, the Police Headquarter building at ITO, the Guru Teg Bahadur Hospital, the Ludlow Castle School and the office complex of the Divisional Commissioner of the Govt. NCT of Delhi. The pilot project would provide a model for seismic safety evaluation and retrofitting of existing seismically deficient buildings which can be replicated in Delhi as well as in other States/Union Territories. The knowledge gained through this pilot project may be disseminated through training programmes for engineers of the Central and State Governments.

Potential of wind energy in Kerala

3139. PROF. P.J. KURIAN: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the total potential of wind energy in Kerala;

(b) the quantity tapped so far with details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to exploit the total potential?